(c) Selection of airports would depend on traffic density, regional distribution and other commercial aspects.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Conference on Civil Aviation Safety and Security

1597. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have called for a global partnership to make air travel fully secure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a Conference on Civil Aviation Safety and Security was held in New Delhi recently; and

(d) if so, the details of discussions held in the Conference and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Directorate General of Civil Aviation organised a two day seminar on the subject "In-Flight Security" under the 'EU-India Civil Aviation Project', which was conducted by an European Union (EU) expert on 14th — 15th July, 2005.

(d) Issues regarding airport and airline security and the practices followed by international agencies at various international airports were discussed in the seminar. The seminar resulted in an enhanced awareness of security and safety requirements and procedures as per the International Civil Aviation Organization and EU standards.

Occupancy rate of national carriers

1598. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the occupancy rate of national air carriers is lower than that of the private airlines;